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(b) what action the Government propose to take against the Commissioner for disobedience and dereliction of duty?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The question does not arise.

Communal representation in the services of local boards and municipalities.

* 606 Q.—MR. MAHOOB ALI BAIG: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether rules have been issued under the amended provisions of the District Municipalities Act and Local Boards Act in regard to communal representation in services in municipalities and district boards;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) is in the affirmative, what the dates of issue of the rules were; and

(c) whether any complaints have been received by the Government that the Presidents and the Commissioners have not been giving effect to the rules under some pretext or other?

A.—(a) The rules relating to representation of communities in services under district boards have been issued. Similar rules for municipal councils will be issued after the designations and scales of pay of municipal establishments are standardized.

(b) The rules relating to district boards were published in Part I-A of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 2nd July 1935, and they came into force from 15th July 1935.

(c) No.

Representation of Muslims in the cadre of Municipal Commissioners and Panchayat Officers.

* 607 Q.—MR. MAHOOB ALI BAIG: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Municipal Commissioners and Panchayat Officers appointed till now;

(b) the number of Muslims appointed to the said posts; and

(c) whether the proportion of Muslim appointees is in accordance with the communal Government Order; if not, why not?

A.—(a) & (b) Out of a total number of 103 persons appointed as Commissioners and 34 as District Panchayat Officers up to 3rd January 1936, 8 of the former and 2 of the latter were Muhammadans.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (c) of his question No. 75 answered on the 3rd August 1934 and to the answers to the supplementary questions on his question No. 263 delivered on the 24th October 1934.

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Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—" Is it a fact that many communities among Hindus are not represented and, if so, may I know how Government propose to remedy the grievance? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" It is not possible to say how many communities are represented."

Pay of the employees of the ex-Taluk Board of Sattenapalle, Guntur district.

* 608 *Q.*—Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government issued orders that the ex-taluk board employees of Sattenapalle, Guntur district, should not be paid at the rates restored by the taluk board during the period of notice served on them consequent on the abolition of the taluk board and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*b*) whether the district board of Guntur had recommended that these employees should be paid at the rate at which they were receiving their salaries before the abolition of the taluk board?

A.—(*a*) Yes; because the amount of expenditure incurred on establishment even at the rates of salaries which were in force prior to the restoration of the enhanced rates, very much exceeded the prescribed limits.

(*b*) No; but the President, District Board, Guntur, addressed the Government in the matter.

Applicability of G.O. No. 2341, *L. & M., dated* 20*th June* 1935, *to promotions of secondary school teachers as headmasters of board high schools.*

* 609 *Q.*—B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the post of the headmasters of the district board high schools is treated as a special category; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Madras District Board (Communal Representation) Rules—G.O. No. 2341, L. & M., dated 20th June 1935, apply to the appointment of headmasters of board high schools by promotion of secondary school teachers?

A.—(*a*) Yes, as a selection post.

(*b*) No.

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government will consider the advisability of applying the principles of the communal Government Order to the special cadre of headmasters also? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" In the case of the selection posts it is not possible to apply the communal Government Order. We are prepared to issue an order that as far as possible the claims of each community should be taken into consideration in filling up those posts."